

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Maryland Historical Trust

property name: C. P. IVENS RESIDENCE /survey number: QA-466

location: FOX MEADOW RD.

county: QUEEN ANNE'S

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST RECOMMENDATION:

eligibility recommended ☒ eligibility not recommended ☐

please check the applicable National Register criteria and/or considerations
(exceptions) used in making the decision:

criteria: A B ☒ C ☒ D considerations: A B C D E F G none

justification for decision: (use continuation sheet if necessary)

The C. P. Ivens Residence is a Queen Anne farmhouse with a complicated floor plan. It is basically L-shaped with a hexagonal tower in the crux of the L. The structure seems to retain a great deal of integrity including the original windows and patterned siding. The porch however has been enclosed.

SHA considers possibly eligible - 5/20/87
MHT concurs - 6/12/87

Al. Fuchembach
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Assistance

6/12/87
date

NR program concurrence: ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable

Reviewer, NR program

date





C.P. Ivens Residence
Fox Meadow Road
Willoughby vic.

QA-466

Ivens House

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**QUEEN ANNES COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET**

SURVEY NO.: QA-466

NAME: C. P. Ivens Residence (Manus Boyles House)

LOCATION: 1014 Fox Meadow Road, at northwest corner with MD 404

DATE: circa 1911

ACCESS: Private

DESCRIPTION:

The C. P. Ivens Residence is located at the northwest corner of Queen Anne Highway (MD 404) and Fox Meadow Road, just west of Queen Anne, in Queen Annes County on Maryland's Eastern Shore. It serves as the farmhouse for a 58-acre property, which includes the 1911 dwelling, a barn, a machinery shed, a granary, a corncrib, and a relocated general store. All outbuildings date to the early twentieth century. The house is a large Queen Anne-style structure clad in original wooden clapboards, wooden fishscale shingles, and modern vinyl siding. Additional features include a three-story hexagonal tower, original two-over-two and Queen Anne sash windows, and a one-story bay window on its southern gable end. Modern alterations include a one-story addition with a brick patio off the western elevation and the enclosing of the front porch. The twentieth-century outbuildings date to the period of the house and are largely frame with metal gabled roofs. The barn sits on a concrete block foundation and has a gambrel roof. The relocated store was built circa 1929 as a commercial establishment associated with the local cannery. It is a frame gable-front structure with original doors and windows that was moved to its current site prior to the 1960s.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The C. P. Ivens Residence is recommended eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria C and D. Under Criterion A, the residence is an impressive early twentieth-century dwelling built in an ornamented "high" style that was uncommon in the immediate area. The house retains its basic style, form, fenestration, materials, and windows giving it much the same appearance as when it was first constructed. It is a good example of a residence constructed by an early twentieth-century gentleman farmer/businessman. Under Criterion D, the relocated cannery store is a good example of a commercial structure associated with a locally important business. Its form, style, and interior might provide additional information on buildings of this type, which are likely few in number.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. QA-466

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Manus Boyles House
other C. P. Ivens Residence (preferred)

2. Location

street and number 1014 Fox Meadow Road n/a not for publication
city, town Queen Anne X vicinity
county Queen Anne's

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James W. and Darlene E. Merriken
street and number 1014 Fox Meadow Road telephone n/a
city, town Queen Anne state MD zip code 21657-1429

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Courthouse tax map and parcel 68-09
city, town Centreville liber SM676 folio 205

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	6
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	buildings
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	sites
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
0

7. Description

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Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The C. P. Ivens Residence is located at the northwest corner of Queen Anne's Highway (MD Route 404) and Fox Meadow Road, just west of Queen Anne in Queen Annes County on Maryland's Eastern Shore. It serves as the farmhouse for a 58-acre property that also includes a barn, a machinery shed, a corncrib, a granary, and a relocated general store building. All date to the first half of the twentieth century. This grouping of structures is surrounded by agricultural fields in current crop production. The residence was documented in 1987 with a MHT Internal NR-Eligibility Review Form. This previous form recommended that the property was eligible for the National Register under Criteria C and D. The MHT concurred with this recommendation. This current form is being submitted to fully document the property, including its outbuildings, which were overlooked on the previous form.

The C. P. Ivens Residence was built in 1911 according to county tax records (Queen Annes County Tax Assessment Records). It is a two-and-a-half-story Queen Anne-style residence built in an L-plan. A three-story hexagonal tower is located in the crux of the "L". Originally a porch wrapped around the first-story space below the tower. That porch has since been enclosed. The frame residence sits on a brick foundation and is clad in wooden clapboards. It retains many of its original decorative elements, including fishscale shingles on the top story-and-a-half, original windows (two-over-two sash and Queen Anne sash), and a one-story bay window on the southern gable end of the "L". Modern alterations include an asphalt-shingle roof, some replacement one-over-one sash windows, vinyl shutters, and the enclosed (aluminum-sided) porch at the tower. A modern one-story addition has been added to the dwelling's western elevation. The addition is clad in vinyl siding, sits on a concrete-block foundation, has a flat or slightly hipped roof, and has modern one-over-one sash windows. A brick patio is located off this addition.

Outbuildings are located to the west of the dwelling. At the far western end of the yard are the barn, machinery shed, and the granary. The barn is a gambrel-roof structure sitting on a high concrete-block foundation with corrugated metal siding and roof. The machinery shed is a long metal-sided structure with an asymmetrical gable roof. Its eastern elevation is open. The granary is a frame gable-front building with a metal roof and plank siding. This building is currently used for domestic yard storage, but was once used to store barley. The corncrib and relocated store are located closer to the dwelling. The corncrib is a small gable-front building with metal roof and siding on concrete piers. This building was shortened by the current owner, who now uses it as a shed.

Known for most of the twentieth century as Gibson's Store, the relocated store was originally situated on the north side of MD 404, just west of Fox Meadow Road. Built circa 1929, it was relocated to this site at an unknown date in the mid-twentieth century. The building is a rectangular-shaped structure with the store and its front porch both located under its gable-front roof. The frame store has a combination of vinyl siding and original wooden clapboards and an asphalt-shingle roof with exposed rafters. It was relocated onto a poured concrete foundation. The porch has metal poles supporting the front corners of the roof, boxed eaves, and decorative brackets at the corners. The façade is divided into two sections: the left (or western) section consists of double wooden garage-bay-type doors and the right (or eastern) section consists of the original entry door topped by two three-pane transoms and flanked by a six-over-six sash window. The interior has been gutted and is now used as a garage.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates	n/a	Architect/Builder	unknown
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Construction dates	circa 1911
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Evaluation for:

☒ National Register☐ Maryland Register☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Significance

The C. P. Ivens Residence is recommended eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria C and D. Under Criterion A, the residence is an impressive early twentieth-century dwelling built in an ornamented “high” style that was uncommon in the immediate area. The house retains its basic style, form, fenestration, materials, and windows giving it much the same appearance as when it was first constructed. It is a good example of a residence constructed by an early twentieth-century gentleman farmer/businessman. Under Criterion D, the relocated general store is a good example of a commercial structure associated with a locally important business. Its form, style, and interior might provide additional information on buildings of this type, which are likely few in number.

Historic Narrative

The C. P. Ivens Residence was constructed circa 1911 by Manus Boyles, a relative of the current owner. The construction of the house occurred just after the establishment of the cannery at Willoughby, at the northwest corner of the property. Willoughby was a small community that developed along the north side of MD 404 in the mid-nineteenth century. The community was named after Samuel B. Willoughby, a businessman who owned a general store along the highway from 1856 to 1858 (Wood nd). The store was later operated by Samuel Newton Smith (likely a brother or nephew of Willoughby’s wife, Mary Ann Smith). The store appears on 1860, 1877 and 1904 maps of the area (Strong 1860; Lake, Griffing & Stevenson 1877; USGS 1904).

In 1896, the Queen Annes Railroad was constructed through the area as the last major railroad to be built on the Eastern Shore (Hayman 1979:118). It was constructed as an east-west line to service the agriculturally productive region in the upper Eastern Shore. This railroad ran along the north side of Queen Anne Highway between Wye Mills and Queen Anne forming the northern boundary of the Ivens property. A station was established at Willoughby to the northeast of the store. This line serviced the growing number of canneries in this portion of the Eastern Shore region.

During the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, many canneries were established in the area. Canneries were important commercial enterprises on the Eastern Shore, often backed by big-city businesses, but sometime operated by small local businesses. The area’s fertile land, multiple farms, and un-unionized labor created the perfect climate for massive production. Queen Annes County canneries packed peaches, peas, tomatoes, and corn (Burton 1986:36). Technological advancements in food preservation and the manufacture of cans fueled the county’s canning industries around the turn of the twentieth century. Many small towns had their own cannery with produce provided by the local farms. An exact date for the establishment of the Willoughby cannery could not be found; however, it does not appear in a local cannery directory until 1906, when it was owned by J. W. Macklin (Burton 1986:119). This date is corroborated by the 1904 quadrangle, which does not appear to show an industrial complex at the site along the railroad at Willoughby (USGS 1904). The cannery at Willoughby canned corn and many of the adjacent farmers grew for this establishment. Production of canneries peaked in 1920 with subsequent decline during the mid- and latter twentieth century.

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Historic Narrative (continued)

The C. P. Ivens Residence was constructed just after the establishment of the cannery at Willoughby. It is conceivable that Manus Boyles, the property's first owner, was associated with the commercial establishment, perhaps purchasing it from Macklin. The 1911 construction date of the house, the proximity of the property to the cannery, and the fairly sophisticated "high" style of the residence befitting a prosperous local businessman all suggest that this property had some connection to the business. No written history was found that could corroborate this; however, Mr. Tom Boyles was the last owner of the cannery property until its closing in the mid- to late 1950s (Merriken 2001). Shortly after that, the cannery's manager, Gaylord Ivens, moved from the manager's house on Willoughby Cannery Road to the C. P. Ivens Residence. Ivens was the grandfather of the current owner.

Historically, the relocated store was also associated with the cannery. During its heyday, the cannery was a large operation, attracting migrant workers who lived in shanties at the complex. A hand-drawn map of the cannery shows that associated structures extended from the cannery complex along Willoughby Cannery Road south to MD 404 (Wood rd). The store was located at the northeast corner of the intersection and across from it, on the northwest corner, was a tavern. Structures along the road to the cannery included a packing house, the manager's house (where Gaylord Iven lived), and the workers' shanties. According to Mr. Guss Gibson (local historian), in 1929 his uncle Jacob Gibson bought a half-acre in Willoughby for \$200 from William G. Boyles (Gibson 2001). On that lot, he built a store for the cannery, which may served in the capacity of a company store. This twentieth-century store likely supplanted the earlier store established by Willoughby. Gibson's store was the closest commercial establishment to the cannery and was probably patronized extensively by its workers.

Currently, the 58-acre C. P. Ivens property encompasses the house and a few outbuildings. The present owner indicated that there was once a full-size dairy barn on the property, indicating that the property was once farmed. Currently, the house is occupied by the owners, but the farmland is rented out to a local farmer. According to the owner, Gibson's general store has been on the Boyles property since before his grandparents moved there in the 1960s. Its date of relocation could not be found, nor could the reason for the move.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Burton, R. Lee, Jr.

1986 *Canneries of the Eastern Shore*. Tidewater Publishers, Centreville, Maryland.

Gibson, Guss

2001 Conversation with Guss Gibson (local historian), July 2001.

Hayman, John C.

1979 *Rails Along the Chesapeake – A History of Railroading on the Delmarva Peninsula, 1827-1978*. Marvadel Publishers, unknown location.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	58 acres
Acreage of historical setting	58 acres
Quadrangle name	Wye Mills, MD (1973)

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The recommended National Register boundary for the C. P. Ivens Residence consists of a 1.7-acre area (roughly 500' x 150') that is described as follows: Beginning at a point on the west side of Fox Meadow Road, that is approximately 600 feet north of its intersection with Queen Anne Highway (MD 404); then west approximately 500 feet to a point; then north approximately 150 feet to a point; then east approximately 500 feet to a point on the west side of Fox Meadow Road; then south along said road approximately 150 feet to the point of beginning. See attached site plan for a representation of this boundary.

Since the C. P. Ivens Residence is noteworthy primarily for its architecture and not its agricultural history, its boundary was drawn to include the early twentieth-century residence, its associated outbuildings, the drive up to the residence, and enough acreage to introduce the property and its location on the landscape. Additional farmland was purposely excluded from the boundary since this property is not significant for its association with agriculture.

11. Form Prepared by

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Major Bibliographical References (continued)

Lake, Griffing and Stevenson

1877 *An Illustrated Atlas of Kent and Queen Annes Counties, Maryland.* Lake, Griffing & Stevenson, Philadelphia.

Merriken, Jay

2001 Conversation with Jay Merriken (property owner), July 2001.

Queen Annes County Tax Assessment Records and Tax Maps. Located at Queen Annes County Courthouse, Centreville, MD.

Strong, John G.

1860 *Map of Queen Annes County.*

United States Geologic Survey (USGS)

1973 *Wye Mills, Maryland Quadrangle.* 7.5-minute series.

1904 *St. Michaels, Maryland Quadrangle.* 15-minute series. Surveyed in 1902.

Wood, Henrietta

2001 Hand-drawn map of Willoughby Cannery complex (approximately 10 years old), received July 2001.

**PRESERVATION VISION 2000: THE MARYLAND PLAN
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

I. GEOGRAPHIC REGION:

- X EASTERN SHORE (ALL EASTERN SHORE COUNTIES AND CECIL)
- WESTERN SHORE (ANNE ARUNDEL, CALVERT, CHARLES, PRINCE GEORGE'S, ST. MARY'S)
- PIEDMONT (BALTIMORE CITY, BALTIMORE, CARROLL, FREDERICK, HARFORD,, HOWARD,
MONTGOMERY)
- WESTERN MARYLAND (ALLEGANY, GARRETT, WASHINGTON)

II. CHRONOLOGICAL/DEVELOPMENTAL PERIODS:

- RURAL AGRARIAN INTENSIFICATION (A.D. 1680-1815)
- AGRICULTURAL-INDUSTRIAL TRANSITION (A.D. 1815-1870)
- X INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE (A.D. 1870-1930)
- X MODERN PERIOD (A.D. 1930-PRESENT)
- UNKNOWN PERIOD (PREHISTORIC; HISTORIC)

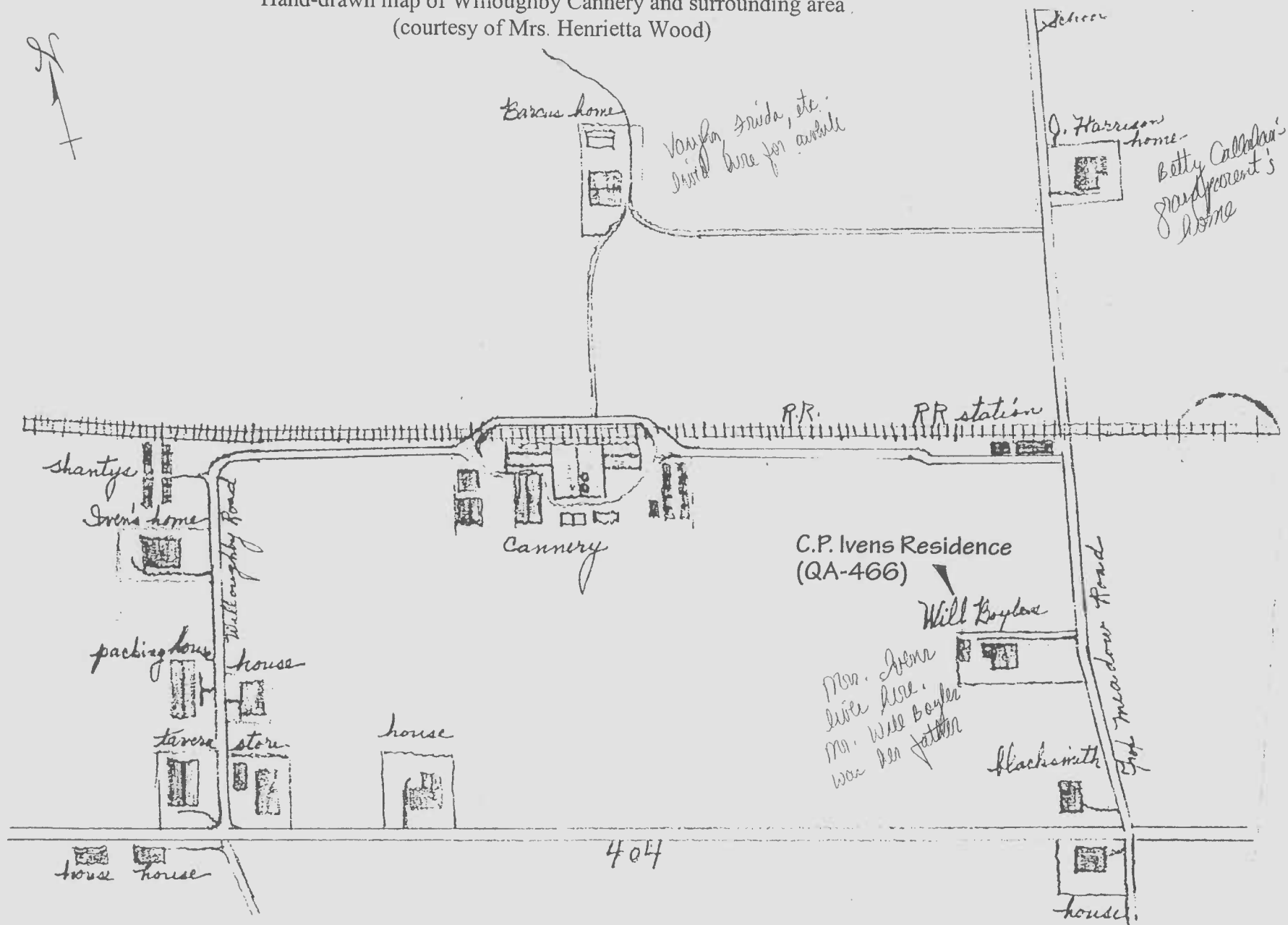
III. HISTORIC PERIOD THEMES:

- X AGRICULTURE
- X ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE, ARCHITECTURE, AND COMMUNITY PLANNING
- X ECONOMIC (COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL)
- GOVERNMENT/LAW
- MILITARY
- RELIGION
- SOCIAL/EDUCATIONAL/CULTURAL
- TRANSPORTATION

IV. RESOURCE TYPE:

CATEGORY: farm
HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT: rural
HISTORIC FUNCTION(S) AND USE(S): farm
KNOWN DESIGN SOURCE: none

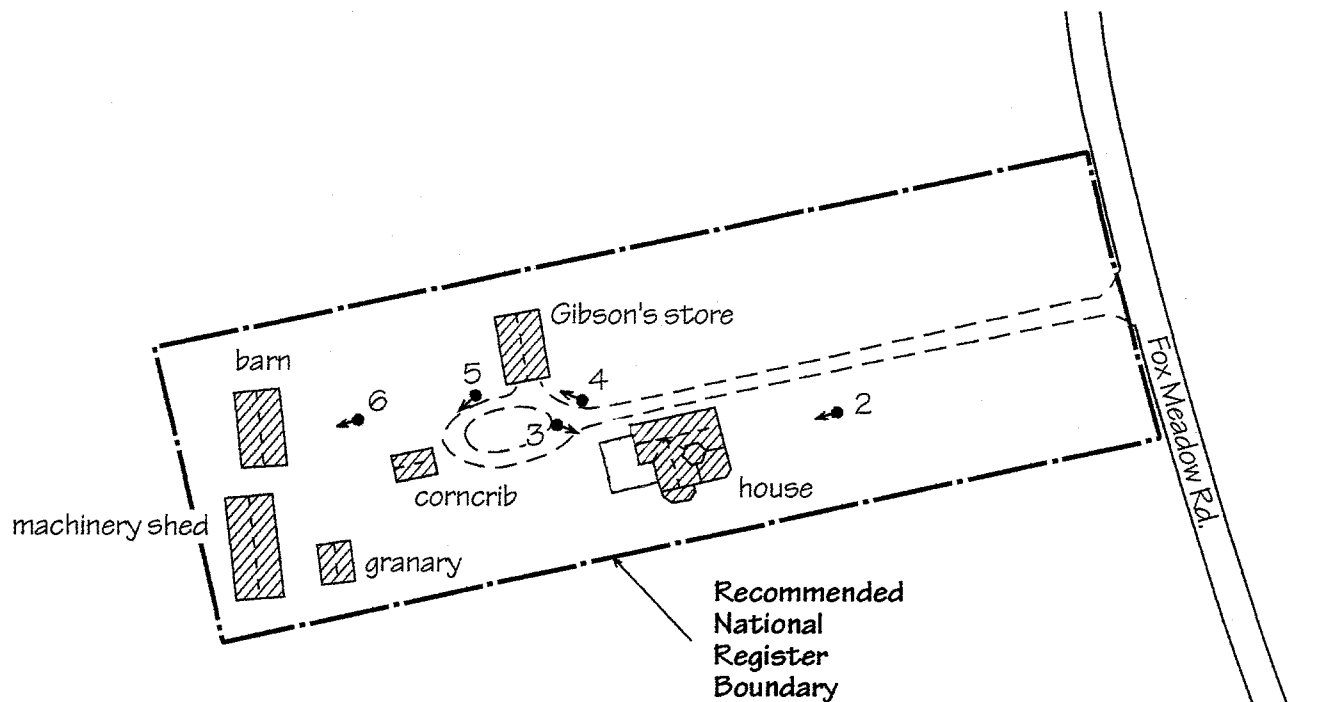
Hand-drawn map of Willoughby Cannery and surrounding area
(courtesy of Mrs. Henrietta Wood)



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Willoughby Vicinity
Queen Annes County, Maryland
Resource Sketch Map



•→ = Photo Viewpoint
▨ = Historic Structure

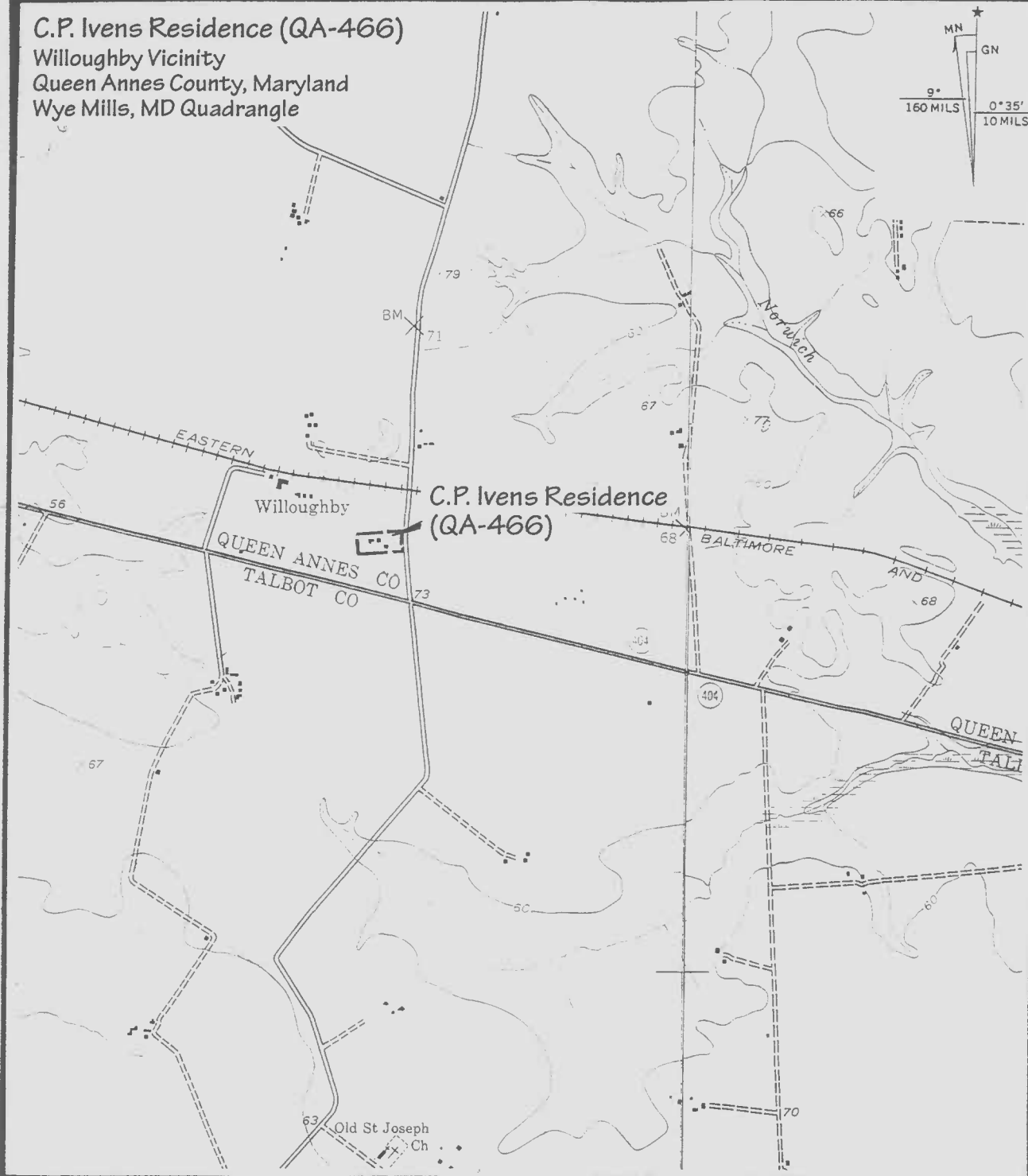
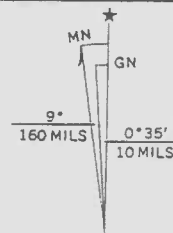
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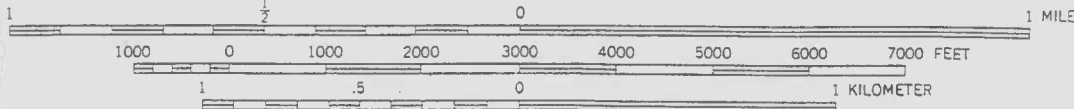


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Willoughby Vicinity
Queen Annes County, Maryland
Wye Mills, MD Quadrangle



SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET



QUADRANGLE LOCATION



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CP Ivens Residence

Queen Anne County, Maryland

Rita Suttner

June 2001

MD SHPO

Overview of property, facing northwest

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CP Ivens Residence

Queen Anne County, Maryland

Rita Sutfness

June 2001

MD SHPO

Eastern elevation of house showing tower and enclosed porch, facing west
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CP Ivens Residence

Queen Anne County, Maryland

Rita Suffness

June 2001

MD SHPO

Addition and patio on western elevation of house facing east

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CP Ivens Residence

Queen Anne County, Maryland

Rita Sutfness

June 2001

MD SHPO

Relocated Gibson's store, facade (south elevation), facing northwest

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CP Ivens Residence

Queen Anne County, Maryland

Rita Sutfness

June 2001

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View of outbuildings to west of house (corner crib, granary, and machinery shed)
facing southwest

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CP Ivens Residence

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Rita Suffness

June 2001

MD SHPO

Barn, eastern elevation facing west

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